

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): An electronic component comprising:

a cloth-containing core substrate made by forming a resinous material, or a composite material obtained by mixing a resin and a powdery functional material into a thin sheet;

a thin-film conductor formed and patterned by thin-film forming technology on at least either of front and rear surfaces of the core substrate;

a clothless layer superposed on at least that surface of the core substrate on which the thin-film conductor has been formed, and formed from a clothless resin-coated metal foil obtained by coating one surface of a metal foil with a resinous material, or a composite material obtained by mixing a resin and a powdery functional material, the metal foil being patterned.

Claim 2 (Original): The electronic component as set forth in claim 1, wherein the clothless layer is formed by placing a plurality of such clothless layers one upon another.

Claim 3 (Original): An electronic component including a laminated product comprising:

a cloth-containing core substrate made by forming a resinous material, or a composite material obtained by mixing a resin and a powdery functional material into a thin sheet;

a thin-film conductor formed and patterned by thin-film forming technology on at least either of the front and rear surfaces of the core substrate;

a clothless layer superposed on at least that surface of the core substrate on which the thin-film conductor has been formed, and formed from a clothless resin-coated metal foil

obtained by coating one surface of a metal foil with a resinous material, or a composite material obtained by mixing a resin and a powdery functional material, the metal foil being patterned;

the component being obtained by interposing a prepreg between a plurality of laminated products and/or between the laminated product and the core substrate having a thin-film conductor or the metal foil, laminating them and uniting them together by compression under heat.

Claim 4 (Original): The electronic component as set forth claim 1, wherein the core substrate and the thin-film conductor mainly constitute an inductive element, and the clothless layer and a conductor layer formed by the patterning of the metal foil mainly constitute a condenser and a wiring pattern.

Claim 5 (Original): The electronic component as set forth claim 3, wherein the core substrate and the thin-film conductor mainly constitute an inductive element, and the clothless layer and a conductor layer formed by the patterning of the metal foil mainly constitute a condenser and a wiring pattern.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The electronic component as set forth in claim 1, wherein the resin comprises at least one kind of thermosetting resin ~~selected from among an epoxy resin, a phenol resin, an unsaturated polyester resin, a vinyl ester resin, a polyimide resin, a bismaleimide triazine (cyanate ester) resin, a polyphenylene ether (oxide) resin, a fumarate resin, a polybutadiene resin and a vinylbenzyl resin;~~ or at least one kind of thermoplastic resin ~~selected from among an aromatic polyester resin, a polyphenylene sulfide resin, a polyethylene terephthalate resin, a polybutylene terephthalate resin, a polyethylene~~

~~sulfide resin, a polyether ether ketone resin, a polytetrafluoroethylene resin, a polyarylate resin and a graft resin; or a resin obtained by combining said at least one kind of such thermosetting resin and said at least one kind of such thermoplastic resin.~~

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The electronic component as set forth in claim 3, wherein the resin comprises at least one kind of thermosetting resin ~~selected from among an epoxy resin, a phenol resin, an unsaturated polyester resin, a vinyl ester resin, a polyimide resin, a bismaleimide triazine (cyanate ester) resin, a polyphenylene ether (oxide) resin, a fumarate resin, a polybutadiene resin and a vinylbenzyl resin; or at least one kind of thermoplastic resin selected from among an aromatic polyester resin, a polyphenylene sulfide resin, a polyethylene terephthalate resin, a polybutylene terephthalate resin, a polyethylene sulfide resin, a polyether ether ketone resin, a polytetrafluoroethylene resin, a polyarylate resin and a graft resin; or a resin obtained by combining said at least one kind of such thermosetting resin and said at least one kind of such thermoplastic resin.~~

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The electronic component as set forth claim 1, wherein the powdery functional material comprises at least one kind of ferrite magnetic material ~~selected from among Mn-Mg-Zn, Ni-Zn and Mn-Zn; at least one kind of ferromagnetic metal material selected from among iron carbonyl, an iron-silicon alloy, an iron-aluminum-silicon alloy, an iron-nickel alloy and an amorphous (iron or cobalt) alloy; or at least one kind of dielectric material selected from among BaO-TiO₂-Nd₂O₃, BaO-TiO₂-SnO₂, PbO-CaO, TiO₂, BaTiO₃, PbTiO₃, SrTiO₃, CaTiO₃, Al₂O₃, BiTiO₄, MgTiO₃, (Ba, Sr)TiO₃, Ba(Ti, Zr)O₃, BaTiO₃-SiO₂, BaO-SiO₂, CaWO₄, Ba(Mg, Nb)O₃, Ba(Mg, Ta)O₃, Ba(Co, Mg, Nb)O₃, Ba(Co, Mg, Ta)O₃, Mg₂SiO₄, ZnTiO₃, SrZrO₃, ZrTiO₄, (Zr, Sn)TiO₄, BaO-TiO₂-Sm₂O₃, PbO-BaO-Nd₂O₃-TiO₂, (Bi₂O₃, PbO)-BaO-TiO₂, La₂Ti₂O₇, Nd₂Ti₂O₇,~~

~~(Li, Sm)TiO₃, Ba(Zn, Ta)O₃, Ba(Zn, Nb)O₃ and Sr(Zn, Nb)O₃~~; or a functional material obtained by combining at least two ~~kinds of~~ materials selected from ~~among the~~ the group consisting of said at least one ferrite magnetic material, ferromagnetic metal material and dielectric material.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The electronic component as set forth claim 3, wherein the powdery functional material comprises at least one ~~kind of~~ ferrite magnetic material ~~selected from among Mn-Mg-Zn, Ni-Zn and Mn-Zn~~; at least one kind of ferromagnetic metal material ~~selected from among iron carbonyl, an iron-silicon alloy, an iron-aluminum-silicon alloy, an iron-nickel alloy and an amorphous (iron or cobalt) alloy~~; or at least one kind of dielectric material ~~selected from among BaO-TiO₂-Nd₂O₃, BaO-TiO₂-SnO₂, PbO-CaO, TiO₂, BaTiO₃, PbTiO₃, SrTiO₃, CaTiO₃, Al₂O₃, BiTiO₄, MgTiO₃, (Ba, Sr)TiO₃, Ba(Ti, Zr)O₃, BaTiO₃-SiO₂, BaO-SiO₂, CaWO₄, Ba(Mg, Nb)O₃, Ba(Mg, Ta)O₃, Ba(Co, Mg, Nb)O₃, Ba(Co, Mg, Ta)O₃, Mg₂SiO₄, ZnTiO₃, SrZrO₃, ZrTiO₄, (Zr, Sn)TiO₄, BaO-TiO₂-Sm₂O₃, PbO-BaO-Nd₂O₃-TiO₂, (Bi₂O₃, PbO)-BaO-TiO₂, La₂Ti₂O₇, Nd₂Ti₂O₇, (Li, Sm)TiO₃, Ba(Zn, Ta)O₃, Ba(Zn, Nb)O₃ and Sr(Zn, Nb)O₃~~; or a functional material obtained by combining at least two ~~kinds of~~ materials selected from ~~among the~~ the group consisting of said at least one ferrite magnetic material, ferromagnetic metal material and dielectric material.

Claim 10 (Withdrawn): A process for manufacturing an electronic component comprising:

forming a resinous material, or a composite material obtained by mixing a resin and a powdery functional material into a thin sheet and curing it to make a core substrate;

forming a thin-film conductor having a specific pattern by thin-film forming technology on at least either of the front and rear surfaces of the core substrate;

superposing on the core substrate a clothless resin-coated metal foil obtained by coating one surface of a metal foil with a resinous material, or a composite material obtained by mixing a resin and a powdery functional material so that its clothless resin-coated surface may lie on at least that surface of the core substrate on which the thin-film conductor has been formed, and compressing them together under heat into a unitary body;

patterning the metal foil to form a specifically shaped conductor layer.

Claim 11 (Withdrawn): The process for manufacturing an electronic component as set forth in claim 10, wherein the step of superposing the clothless resin-coated metal foil on an existing layer and compressing them together under heat and the step of patterning the metal foil to form a specifically shaped conductor layer are repeated a specific number of times.

Claim 12 (Withdrawn): A process for manufacturing an electronic component comprising:

forming a resinous material, or a composite material obtained by mixing a resin and a powdery functional material into a thin sheet and curing it to make a core substrate;

forming a thin-film conductor having a specific pattern by thin-film forming technology on at least either of the front and rear surfaces of the core substrate;

superposing on the core substrate a clothless resin-coated metal foil obtained by coating one surface of a metal foil with a resinous material, or a composite material obtained by mixing a resin and a powdery functional material so that it may lie on at least that surface

of the core substrate on which the thin-film conductor has been formed, and compressing them together under heat into a unitary body;

 patterning the metal foil to form a specifically shaped conductor layer;

 performing once the steps of compressing the clothless resin-coated metal foil into a unitary body and forming the conductor layer or repeating them two or more times to form a laminated product;

 interposing a prepreg between a plurality of laminated products and/or between any laminated product and the core substrate having a thin-film conductor or the metal foil, laminating them on one another and compressing them together into a unitary body.

Claim 13 (New): The electronic component as set forth in claim 6, wherein the resin comprises at least one thermosetting resin selected from the group consisting of an epoxy resin, a phenol resin, an unsaturated polyester resin, a vinyl ester resin, a polyimide resin, a bismaleimidetriazine (cyanate ester) resin, a polyphenylene ether (oxide) resin, a fumarate resin, a polybutadiene resin and a vinylbenzyl resin; or at least one thermoplastic resin selected from the group consisting of an aromatic polyester resin, a polyphenylene sulfide resin, a polyethylene terephthalate resin, a polybutylene terephthalate resin, a polyethylene sulfide resin, a polyether ether ketone resin, a polytetrafluoroethylene resin, a polyarylate resin and a graft resin; or a resin obtained by combining said at least one thermosetting resin and said at least one thermoplastic resin.

Claim 14 (New): The electronic component as set forth in claim 7, wherein the resin comprises at least one thermosetting resin selected from the group consisting of an epoxy resin, a phenol resin, an unsaturated polyester resin, a vinyl ester resin, a polyimide resin, a bismaleimidetriazine (cyanate ester) resin, a polyphenylene ether (oxide) resin, a fumarate

resin, a polybutadiene resin and a vinylbenzyl resin; or at least one thermoplastic resin selected from the group consisting of an aromatic polyester resin, a polyphenylene sulfide resin, a polyethylene terephthalate resin, a polybutylene terephthalate resin, a polyethylene sulfide resin, a polyether ether ketone resin, a polytetrafluoroethylene resin, a polyarylate resin and a graft resin; or a resin obtained by combining said at least one thermosetting resin and said at least one thermoplastic resin.

Claim 15 (New): The electronic component as set forth claim 8, wherein the powdery functional material comprises at least one ferrite magnetic material selected from the group consisting of Mn-Mg-Zn, Ni-Zn and Mn-Zn; at least one ferromagnetic metal material selected from the group consisting of iron carbonyl, an iron-silicon alloy, an iron-aluminum-silicon alloy, an iron-nickel alloy and an amorphous (iron or cobalt) alloy; or at least one dielectric material selected from the group consisting of BaO-TiO₂-Nd₂O₃, BaO-TiO₂-SnO₂, PbO-CaO, TiO₂, BaTiO₃, PbTiO₃, SrTiO₃, CaTiO₃, Al₂O₃, BiTiO₄, MgTiO₃, (Ba, Sr)TiO₃, Ba(Ti, Zr)O₃, BaTiO₃-SiO₂, BaO-SiO₂, CaWO₄, Ba(Mg, Nb)O₃, Ba(Mg, Ta)O₃, Ba(Co, Mg, Nb)O₃, Ba(Co, Mg, Ta)O₃, Mg₂SiO₄, ZnTiO₃, SrZrO₃, ZrTiO₄, (Zr, Sn)TiO₄, BaO-TiO₂-Sm₂O₃, PbO-BaO-Nd₂O₃-TiO₂, (Bi₂O₃, PbO)-BaO-TiO₂, La₂Ti₂O₇, Nd₂Ti₂O₇, (Li, Sm)TiO₃, Ba(Zn, Ta)O₃, Ba(Zn, Nb)O₃ and Sr(Zn, Nb)O₃; or a functional material obtained by combining at least two materials selected from the group consisting of said at least one ferrite magnetic material, ferromagnetic metal material and dielectric material.

Claim 16 (New): The electronic component as set forth claim 9, wherein the powdery functional material comprises at least one ferrite magnetic material selected from the group consisting of Mn-Mg-Zn, Ni-Zn and Mn-Zn; at least one ferromagnetic metal material selected from the group consisting of iron carbonyl, an iron-silicon alloy, an iron-aluminum-

silicon alloy, an iron-nickel alloy and an amorphous (iron or cobalt) alloy; or at least one dielectric material selected from the group consisting of BaO-TiO₂-Nd₂O₃, BaO-TiO₂-SnO₂, PbO-CaO, TiO₂, BaTiO₃, PbTiO₃, SrTiO₃, CaTiO₃, Al₂O₃, BiTiO₄, MgTiO₃, (Ba, Sr)TiO₃, Ba(Ti, Zr)O₃, BaTiO₃-SiO₂, BaO-SiO₂, CaWO₄, Ba(Mg, Nb)O₃, Ba(Mg, Ta)O₃, Ba(Co, Mg, Nb)O₃, Ba(Co, Mg, Ta)O₃, Mg₂SiO₄, ZnTiO₃, SrZrO₃, ZrTiO₄, (Zr, Sn)TiO₄, BaO-TiO₂-Sm₂O₃, PbO-BaO-Nd₂O₃-TiO₂, (Bi₂O₃, PbO)-BaO-TiO₂, La₂Ti₂O₇, Nd₂Ti₂O₇, (Li, Sm)TiO₃, Ba(Zn, Ta)O₃, Ba(Zn, Nb)O₃ and Sr(Zn, Nb)O₃; or a functional material obtained by combining at least two materials selected from the group consisting of said at least one ferrite magnetic material, ferromagnetic metal material and dielectric material.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claims 6-9 have each been amended by deleting the Markush groups for the respective components recited therein; new Claims 13-16 have been added to claim the subject matter deleted from these claims. In addition, the term “kind of” has been deleted, and the term “among” has been replaced with --the group consisting of--.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the above amendment. Claims 1-16 are now pending in the application.